

PRIME MINISTER

E(LF) MEETING ON MONDAY: BBC FILM

This is to remind you that Jenny Barraclough and her team will be taking their sequence of Ministers assembling in the Ante-Room and of the opening of a meeting in the Cabinet Room at the start of E(LF) at 1000 hours on Monday. (For this reason we have arranged that the meeting on teachers' pay at 0900 hours takes place in the White Drawing Room).

Jenny Barraclough wants to take some shots of Ministers waiting in the Ante-Room. She would then like a shot of you coming down the stairs, through the Ante-Room into the Cabinet Room and then the opening of the meeting.

I suggest that you open the meeting by asking the Lord President to report on the position reached on the Abolition Bill - this will give away no secrets. There will be a microphone on the Cabinet table between you and the Lord President.

After a minute or two, the BBC team should have got all they need: they will withdraw and, while they are doing so, the screen and projector for the Secretary of State's presentation on the rating system will be brought in. This should not take more than a couple of minutes.

The Ministers attending the meeting have all been warned about what is going to happen.

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17 May 1985



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From the Principal Private Secretary

15 May 1985

E(LF) MEETING: 1000 on MONDAY 20 MAY

To mark the 250th anniversary this year of 10 Downing Street becoming the Prime Minister's residence, the Prime Minister has agreed to the BBC's making a documentary programme about the house, its history and the part which it plays in Government today.

One of the activities of which the BBC want to make a short sequence of film is Ministers assembling for a meeting and a meeting starting in the Cabinet Room. The Prime Minister has agreed that the BBC may take some film for this purpose before the E(LF) meeting on Monday 20 May. There will be a BBC film and sound crew to film Ministers assembling in the ante room on Monday morning and the opening minutes of the meeting.

The Prime Minister will want to open the meeting on a subject unconnected with the real business of the meeting, probably by asking the Lord President to report on the situation reached in the House of Lords' consideration of the abolition bill. The BBC have been told that they will only be allowed a few minutes filming and will have to withdraw quickly so that the business of the meeting is not delayed.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of E(LF), Rachel Lomax (HM Treasury), Leigh Lewis (Office of the Minister without Portfolio), Alex Galloway (Paymaster General's Office), Mike Bailey (Mr Baker's Office), Stuart Lane (Office of the Minister of State, Department of Employment), Barbara Jones (Office of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of the Environment) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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Miss Janet Lewis-Jones,  
 Lord President's Office.

FRONT DOOR

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DETECTIVES

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MR TAYLOR

DUTY CLERK

On Monday, at 8.45 am, the following team will arrive from BBC:

Jenny Barraclough	-	Producer
Sally Bengé	-	Assistant Producer
Christopher Jones	-	Reporter
Robert Hill	-	Stills photographer
Jim Peirson	-	Cameraman
Colin Case	-	Assistant Cameraman
Ron Keightley	-	Sound
Ron Stevenson	-	Lighting
Frank Moran	-	Lighting
Terry McGuinness	-	Lighting
Mike MacCauskey	-	Lighting.

They will be arriving in two vans:

McGuinness Lighting Van	-	EHX114V
BBC transit van	-	WLW509X.

The lighting men will come into No 10, set up and leave. They will return to dismantle the equipment and remove it.

Jean Caines will be in attendance throughout. All queries should be directed to her.

*Beth*  
BETH FRIER  
PRESS OFFICE

17 May 1985